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Re: USEPA General Notice and Information Request for the Chemetco Superfund Site in Hartford, Illinois – Border Trading Co.

Dear Ms. Kerr:

This firm represents Border Trading Co. ("Border"), relating to the Chemetco Site.

USEPA apparently attempted to send a General Notice Letter and Section 104(e) Request to Border in November, but that letter went only to CT Corporation System without specifying the intended recipient. A new copy of the letter was sent in December, but not received by me until January 11, 2011. The letter requests a response to the information request within 30 days after receipt of the request.

Border understands several PRPs have joined together as part of the "ISRI PRP Group." Border has not formally joined any PRP Group but, without admitting liability and subject to a full reservation of rights, is investigating those possibilities. Border understands that the ISRI PRP Group has scheduled an organizational meeting in Chicago for January 31, 2012.

Recently, I received the informational CD from USEPA that was referenced in the December 20, 2011 meeting. Additionally, I have not yet had an opportunity to review the voluminous documents (including site-nexus documents) that are presently stored on the 7th Floor of USEPA's offices in Chicago and at the Hartford Public Library in Hartford, Illinois. Therefore, Border requires additional time to conduct an investigation and to gather and to review the information necessary to respond to USEPA's extensive request for information, requests that I only received a little more than one week ago.

I previously corresponded via email with Thomas Martin, to inquire about an extension of time for Border to respond to the information requests but did not yet receive a reply. For all of these reasons and in consideration of a coordinated and comprehensive response to the USEPA, Border hereby requests an extension of the time to respond to the Section 104(e) Request and to respond to the General Notice Letter until April 3, 2012. As this site has been under the scrutiny of either the IEPA or USEPA for almost 30 years, this modest extension to allow for a coordinated and comprehensive response seems both reasonable and appropriate.

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Best regards,



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